

VI. US CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIERS-OPERATING DATA

The traffic and financial data contained in this chapter include data for all US Certificated Air Carriers--those holding a certificate issued under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as amended; and the commuter air carriers--those holding a certificate issued under Section 298C of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as amended.

The tables in this chapter are divided into two groups: 6-1 -16.15 cover the large carriers and 6.16 - 6.18 cover the small certificated, commuter and large certificated medium regional carriers. Please note that some large certificated medium regional carriers are included in both groups of tables. The information for the large air carriers was obtained from the following sources published by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the Department of Transportation:

Air Carrier Traffic Statistics compiled from BTS Form 41: T-100 system; and

Air Carrier Financial Statistics compiled from BTS Form 41: Schedules B -1 and P -1.

The information for the small certificated, commuter, and large certificated medium regional carriers was obtained from:

Air Carrier Industry Scheduled Service Statistics: Medium Regional Section: compiled from BTS Form 298C: Schedules A - 1 and T - 1.

DEFINITIONS

Air Carrier - A company or other organization that carries passengers or cargo for hire or compensation by air.

All Services --The total of scheduled and nonscheduled services.

Available Seat Miles - The aircraft miles flown in each inter-airport hop multiplied by the number of seats available on that hop for revenue passenger use.

Average Number of Available Seats per Aircraft - Available seat miles divided by the number of revenue aircraft miles in passenger service.

Carrier Group - A grouping of large certificated air carriers determined by annual operating revenues as shown below:

Carrier Group	Annual Operating Revenue
Majors	More than \$1,000,000,000
National	\$100,000,000 - \$1,000,000,000
Large Regionals	\$20,000,000 - \$99,999,999
Medium Regionals	Less than \$19,999,999

Domestic Operations - operations within the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. It also encompasses scheduled Canadian transborder operations and, for certain carriers, scheduled Mexican transborder operations.

Enplaned Passengers The total number of revenue passengers boarding aircraft.

Enplaned Revenue Tons of Freight and Mail - The number of revenue tons of freight and mail loaded on an aircraft including originating and transfer tons.

Freight - Property other than express and passenger baggage transported by air.

International Operations operations that are not domestic.

Large Certificated Air Carrier - An air carrier is one that operates aircraft designed to have a maximum passenger seating capacity of more than 60 seats or a maximum payload capacity of more than 18,000 pounds, or conducts international operations.

Nonscheduled Service - Revenue flights that are not operated in regularly scheduled service such as charter flights.

On Flight (on line) Passenger Trip Length - Average length of a passenger trip, calculated by dividing the number of revenue passenger miles by the number of revenue enplanements.

Passenger Revenue Ton Mile - One ton of revenue passenger weight (including all baggage) transported one mile. The passenger weight standard for both domestic and international operations is 200 pounds.

Revenue- Pertaining to activities for which remuneration is received by the carrier.

Revenue Aircraft DepartureThe number of aircraft take-offs in revenue service.

Revenue Aircraft Hours - The airborne hours in revenue service, computed from the moment the aircraft leaves the ground until it touches the ground again.

Revenue Aircraft Miles - The miles (computed in airport-to airport distance) for each inter-airport hop actually completed in revenue service.

Revenue Passenger - Person receiving air transportation from an air carrier for which remuneration is received by the carrier.

Revenue Passenger EnplanementsThe total number of revenue passengers boarding aircraft.

Revenue Passenger Load Factor - The percent that revenue passenger miles are of available seat miles in revenue passenger service, representing the proportion of aircraft seating capacity that is actually sold and used.

Revenue Passenger Mile - One revenue passenger transported one mile in revenue service. Revenue passenger miles are computed by the summation of the products of the revenue aircraft miles flown on each inter-airport hop multiplied by the number of revenue passengers carried on that hop.

Revenue Passengers per Aircraft Mile - The average number of passengers carried per aircraft in revenue services, derived by dividing the total revenue passenger miles by the total aircraft miles flown in revenue service.

Revenue Ton Mile - One ton (2,000 pounds) of revenue traffic transported one mile, computed by multiplying the revenue aircraft miles flown on each inter airport hop by the number of revenue tons carried on that hop.

Scheduled Service - Transport service operated over an air carrier's routes, based on published flight schedules, including extra sections.

Small Certificated, Commuter, and Large Certificated Medium Regional Air Carriers - In general, air carriers that primarily operate small aircraft--aircraft of 60 seats or less or a maximum payload capacity of 18,000 pounds.

These definitions only apply to this chapter.